biotechnology, Integrated Pest Management, Integrated Nutrient Management, Integrated Crop Management etc. The efforts are being made to make the research programmes, participatory by involving all the stakeholders including farmers. For frontline technology dissemination research - extension - farmers linkages are being developed. For capacity building and Human Resource Development, national and international exchanges and networking are planned. The research focus is being modified from a commodity approach to system mode.

Designating TRIFED for procurement of soyabean in Andhra Pradesh

†2118. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government to designate TRIFED for procurement of Soybean in the scheduled areas of the State;

(b) if so, when such request was received in the Ministry and what steps have been contemplated so far in this regard; and

(c) how many quintals of Soyabean have been procured by the Centre during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A request from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh dated 15.11.2000 was received in this Department which has been examined. For procurement under Price Support Scheme (PSS) in the scheduled areas of Andhra Pradesh, NAFED, has been utilizing the services of Girijan Cooperative Development Corporation which is a constituent member of the TRIFED. This arrangement has been working well. Nomination of two parallel agencies i.e. NAFED and TRIFED for procurement under PSS may create operational and coordination problems, therefore, it has been decided to continue with the existing arrangement.

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†Orginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) NAFED has procured the following quantities of soyabean during last three years under PSS:—

Year	Qty. Purchased (in MTs)
1998-99	4,480
1999-2000	4,94,418
2000-2001	54,660

Fishermen's agitation against aquaculture

2119. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fishermen are agitating against aqua culture;

(b) if so, what are their other demands; and

(c) the steps taken to meet their genuine demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) At present, there is no on-going agitation against aquaculture. However, representations have been received from time to time, not against aquaculture in general, but against some of the activities of coastal aquaculture. Representations have been received, both for and against shrimp farming activities being carried out in coastal areas, with some sections insisting on an early enactment of legislation to regulate shrimp farming activities in coastal areas and others being opposed to the same.

(b) and (c) The other demands of fishermen include representation with regard to the Aquaculture Authority Bill, the setting up of a Committee to review implementation of recommendations of the Murari Committee Report on deep sea fishing, enhancement of kerosene quota for fishermen in coastal areas and enhancement of excise duty concession on HSD oil, inclusion of inland fishermen and fisher women in the saving-cum-relief scheme, ban on monsoon fishing, judicial inquiry with regard to the death of Captain Pratap Save, impact on import of fish into the country and early release of fishermen kept in the custody of neighbouring countries.